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1. At a meeting in Mr. Kirkpatrick's office on 18 November 1954 the progress being made by the General Mark Clark Task Force was discussed in general. Those with whom members of the Task Force have been in contact still appear to be discouraged as to their understanding of the problem and point out that rather than follow the schedule which has been conscientiously proposed to give the investigative group an understanding of what we do and how we do it they insist on deviating from any planned program and talking to employees at random without regard to their grade, responsibility, what they do, why, etc.

2. I was requested to submit by 1 January 1955 a brief explanation of our need for a new building for incorporation into a "problem" book.

3. I was alerted that the Task Force was concerned about security from the standpoint of charwomen and other laborers who must be in our buildings and about the fact that our guards were not under CIA control.

4. George Carey also advised me that during a look at the Office of Collection and Dissemination members of the group appeared to be very interested in Records Management and said that they would bear down on this aspect of administration when they looked at the DD/A area.

5. I suggested to those present that inasmuch as the major DD/A effort was in support of DD/P activities it would seem better to me to have those members of the Task Force working on administration in the DD/P area also participate in a perusal of the DD/A area. This seemed to be generally agreed and Mr. Carey was to propose this problem to the Task Force. (Present arrangements indicate that separate groups are scheduled to review administrative procedures in the DD/P and DD/A areas.)

6. I also requested Mr. Carey to find out for me in general how members of the Task Force would like to proceed in the DD/A area. I thought that if Admiral Connally were to be a member of the inspection party only for a time it might be better if we presented a briefing of from one to two days on the entire area prior to inspections of individual offices and in this way try to promote a clearer concept of the over-all mission of the DD/A area and its responsibility for administrative support. We will, of course, have to do this in whatever way the Task Force desires.

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